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Remembrance Ceremony Set for September 11

The San Marcos community is invited to attend the September 11 Remembrance Ceremony in front of City Hall, 630 E. Hopkins St., on Saturday, September 11 beginning at 9 a.m. honoring those lives were lost in the terrorist attacks of 2001.

The public is invited to bring flowers that may be placed throughout the day in the 9-11 Memorial Wreath beside the Fire Bell in front of City Hall.

The program will include an Honor Guard of San Marcos Firefighters and Police, a flag ceremony, tolling of the bell, reading of a proclamation by Mayor Susan Narvaiz, and a moment of silence.

Each year on this date, the San Marcos Fire Department conducts a flag ceremony using the U.S. flag that flew over San Marcos City Hall on September 11, 2001.

Saturday's ceremony commemorates those who lost their lives on the hijacked American Flight 11, United Flight 175, American Flight 77, and United Flight 93, and the firefighters, police officers, EMS personnel, citizens, and volunteers who died when the towers burned and crumbled, and those who died in the heroic rescue efforts.

At 8:45 a.m. American Flight 11 crashed into the north tower of the World Trade Center. In the ensuing terrorist attacks, a second hijacked aircraft, Flt. 175 struck the south tower of the World Trade Center in Manhattan at 9:03 a.m., a third airplane, Flt 77 struck the Pentagon in Arlington, Va. at 9:43 a.m., and a fourth aircraft, Flt. 93 crashed in a field in Somerset County, Pennsylvania at 10:10 a.m. after passengers wrestled control from the hijackers. Approximately 3,000 people perished in all.

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Tolling of the Bell

During the "Tolling of the Bell Ceremony," three sets of five (5-5-5) will be sounded by a firefighter. Traditionally the "tolling of the bell" means there has been a death in a department. The bell, in the past a "return to quarters" signal, signifies that firefighters are sending a fallen firefighter home to his final resting place. His tour has been completed.